

REMARKS

This amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of February 18, 2004.

The Applicants have amended Claim 5 to remove the language which was cited in the 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph, rejections. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, have been overcome.

Claim 5 has also been amended in accordance with numbered paragraph 6 of the Office Action. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claim 5 is in immediate condition for allowance. New Claim 6 recites the filter material being TiO₂ which is supported by page 9, lines 7-9 of the specification. New Claim 7 recites a filter material. It is respectfully submitted that both Claims 6 and 7 are patentable over the prior art.

For all of the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of the claims, to allow the claims, and to pass this application to early issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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